

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following heading on page 1, between lines 1 and 2:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 1, line 23, to read as follows:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

~~This objective is solved by the features of the independent claims.~~ --

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 8, lines 8-11, to read as follows:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Other advantageous further developments of the invention ~~are characterized in the dependent claims or~~ are explained in detail in the following together with the description of the preferred exemplary embodiments of the invention using the figures. --

Please add on page 8, between lines 15 and 16, the following heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --